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In Re the Application of:				) Group Art Unit: 3662		
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Serial No.: 09/770,838				) <u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</u> ) <u>STATEMENT</u>		
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•	а	application Serial No. 09/194,367 filed November 24, 1998, which is relied upon				
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are beli	ieved to l	oe summa	rized in the attache	ed English abstracts and in the figures, although		
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	S	Serial No. 09/194,367 filed November 24, 1998				
	S	Serial No. 0	9/820,584 filed Marc	ch 28, 2001		

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